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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (TEXT)

PLEASE PASS TO AMBASSADOR WELLS AND COUNSELLOR PETREE

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP
SUBJECT: WELLS/PETREE VISIT

REF: ISLAMABAD 7971

1. REFTEL NOTES THAT MFA WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS NUCLEAR WEAPONS
FREE ZONES AND SECURITY ASSURANCES DURING THE WELLS/PETREE
VISIT. WE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR YOU TO HAVE SOME
BACKGROUND ON GOP INTEREST IN THESE AREAS.

2. PAKISTAN SEES SECURITY ASSURANCES, WHATEVER THEIR FORM, IN
TERMS OF ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH INDIA. THE GOP PERCEIVES ITSELF
AS A SMALLER AND WEAKER STATE, THREATENED BY A LARGER INDIA WITH
A PRYLONDERANCE OF MILITARY POWER. IN THE WORDS OF MFA SEC-
RETARY GENERAL AGHA SHAHI, PAKISTAN DEPENDS ON DIPLOMACY TO
OVERCOME MILITARY DISADVANTAGE.

3. THE GOP'S EMPHASIS ON SECURITY REGIMES IS THEREFORE VERY REAL
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AND IMPORTANT TO ISLAMABAD. THIS WAS HIGHLIGHTED DURING JOE
NYE'S VISIT WHEN AGHA SHAHI EMPHASIZED PAKISTAN'S EFFORTS FOR
OVER A DECADE TO ENCOURAGE NUCLEAR WEAPONS FREE ZONES,
EXPECIALLY IN SOUTH ASIA, AND TO ADVOCATE SECURITY GUARANTEES.
SHAHI SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED AN EARLY GOP PROPOSAL THAT THE
NUCLEAR WEAPONS STATES IN THE UN NOT TOLERATE A NUCLEAR THREAT
AGAINST NNWS. HE ALSO MENTIONED PAKISTAN'S CHAMPIONSHIP OF

A SOUTH ASIAN NUCLEAR FREE ZONE (SANFZ).

4. IN HIS RESPONSE, JOE NYE SAID THAT PRESIDENT CARTER SUPPORTS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NUCLEAR FREE ZONES IN PRINCIPLE. HE ALSO ADDED THAT WE ARE WILLING TO LOOK SERIOUSLY AT NUCLEAR WEAPONS FREE ZONES AND WE ARE INVESTIGATING THE QUESTION OF APPROPRIATE SECURITY MEASURES.

5. THIS ISSUE HAS EVEN GREATER IMMEDIACY AND IMPORTANCE WHEN SEEN IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE GOP ON NON-PROLIFERATION AND SPECIFICALLY THE REPROCESSING PLANT PURCHASE. ALTHOUGH A MORE FORTHCOMING ATTITUDE ON OUR PART ON SECURITY ASSURANCES AND NUCLEAR FREE ZONES WILL NOT TURN THE GOP AROUND ON THE REPROCESSING ISSUE, IT WOULD BE AN EARNEST OF OUR INTENTION TO LOOK SERIOUSLY AT POSITIVE ALTERNATIVES TO ENHANCE PAKISTAN'S NATIONAL SECURITY.

6. THEREFORE, TO THE EXTENT WE CAN BE MORE FORTHCOMING AND UNDERSTANDING ON THE ISSUES OF SECURITY ASSURANCES AND NUCLEAR FREE ZONES, WITHIN THE CONSTRAINTS OF OUR GLOBAL CONCERNS, WE WILL ADVANCE OUR BROADER BILATERAL AIMS WITH PAKISTAN. AS A SPECIFIC EXAMPLE, IF WE COULD SUPPORT A PAKISTANI INITIATIVE ON SECURITY ASSURANCES - SUCH AS THE DRAFT RESOLUTION ON STRENGTHENING SECURITY OF NNWS INTRODUCED IN THE LAST UNGA - WE WOULD BE TAKING AN IMPORTANT STEP TOWARD MEETING ISLAMABAD'S CONCERNS.
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